

THE STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER
SALT LAKE CITY

February 16, 1961

MEMORANDUM

By Francis T. Mayo

Re: Hobble Creek ditches near Heber
Strawberry River and Willow Creek
ditches near Heber
Diligence Claim No. 4

A meeting was held in the State Engineer's Office the afternoon of Tuesday, February 14, 1961, to discuss the continued operation of the above stream gaging stations. The following persons were present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Arthur W. Finley	Strawberry Water Users' Association
Robert E. Huber	" " " "
Rex A. Hiatt	" " " "
G. Wendell LeBaron	" " " "
Reuben D. Gardner	" " " "
Lynn J. Mendenhall	Spanish Fork River Water Commissioner
Wallace R. Wayman	Provo River Water Commissioner
M. T. Wilson	U. S. Geological Survey
Francis T. Mayo	State Engineer's Office
Clarence E. Erickson, Jr.	" " "
Donald C. Norseth	" " "
Howard Duke	Daniel Irrigation Company
Curtis Muir	" " "
Glen Casper	" " "
Horton Thacker	" " "
Earl G. Jacklin	" " "

The writer opened the meeting by reviewing in general the contents of his memorandum dated January 11, 1961. These comments were supplemented with remarks by M. T. Wilson concerning the purpose for which the gaging stations were installed, the interest of both the U. S. Geological Survey and the State in the ownership of the facilities, the approximate cost of continued operation under an arrangement between the U.S.G.S. and the water users, and the possibility of having the water users purchase the Stevens A-35 recorders at a depreciated value of approximately \$200 - \$250 each.

A general discussion followed regarding the interest of both the Daniel Irrigation Company and the Strawberry Water Users' Association in continuing the operation of the two gaging stations. Mention was made of an existing agreement between the Company and the Association

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that they would share equally in the cost of operation if operation under the U.S.G.S.-State program was discontinued.

The Association members present expressed the opinion that the operation and maintenance of the gages could be performed by Mr. Mendenhall on a basis separate from his regular duties as water commissioner on the Spanish Fork River. Mr. Mendenhall indicated that he would be agreeable to such an arrangement. The Company representatives inquired regarding the difficulties associated with the operation of the gages and the extent to which a technician is required. Mr. Wilson briefly explained some of the problems requiring the services of a trained person. The writer stated that the arrangements and costs of continued operation should be worked out between the Company and the Association.

The meeting closed with the following understandings:

1. The State and the U.S.G.S. agree to leave the gaging stations in place, provided the Company and the Association pay a reasonable depreciated value of the two Stevens A-35 recorders to the State Engineer's Office by May 1, 1961, and provide for the continued publication of the records in the annual report of the Spanish Fork River Commissioner.

2. The Company and the Association may take over the operation and maintenance of the two gaging stations, subject to the above conditions, immediately, and continued operation and maintenance would be solely at the expense of the Company and the Association.

Following the close of the meeting, the representatives of the Company and the Association discussed with Mr. Mendenhall the arrangements for future operation of the gaging stations.

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cc: M. T. Wilson
Daniel Irrigation Company
Strawberry Water Users' Assoc.
✓ Don Norseth
Frank Reese